

REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 3-8 and 10-14 will be pending in the application are entry of the forgoing amendments. Claims 2, 4-7, 9 and 11-14 are objected to. To expedite prosecution, independent claims 1 and 8 are amended to respectively incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 2 and 9. The dependencies of claims 4-6 and 11-13 are amended to correspond with claims 1 and 8.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

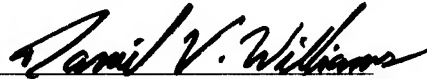
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